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Declaration For Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or
an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject
matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
Method for checking the use of a system for transmitting information, the specification
of which submitted in the form of matrix codes

(X) is attached hereto.

() was filed on _____ as Application No. _____

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Serial No. _____, the United States of America
being designated.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified
specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of
this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any
foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also
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Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States
application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of
this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner
provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the
duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations,
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and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all
statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these
statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made
are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the
United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of
the application or any patent issued thereon.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27 (c)) — SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am

the owner of the small business concern identified below:

an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

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I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9 (d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled Method for checking the use of a system for transmitting information submitted in the form of matrix codes

Patrice CLAVIEZ-HOMBERG

by inventor(s)

described in

the specification filed herewith

application serial no. _____, filed _____.

patent no. _____, issued _____.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9 (d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9 (d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9 (e).

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28 (b))

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